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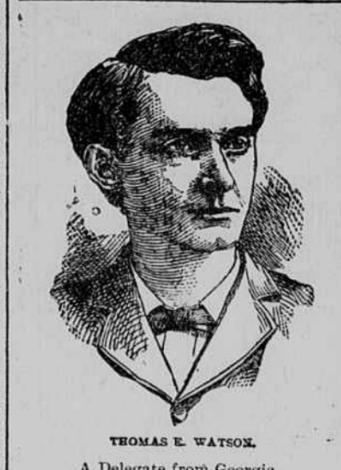
ALLEN PERMANENT CHAIRMAN
POPULIST CONVENTION.

The Day in the Silver Convention Was Largely Devoted to Speeches.—Mr. St. John Makes Out a Strong Indictment Against the Gold Bugs.—Mr. Bryan's Chances Are Bright for Endorsement by Both Conventions.

St. Louis, July 23.—At 10:05 Senator Butler, the temporary chairman of the Populist convention, appeared on the platform. Simultaneously, the band struck up "Dixie" and the delegates uncorked some of their pent-up enthusiasm. Five minutes later Chairman Butler called the convention to order and the Rev. Mr. Smith offered an invocation for the Divine blessing. The report of the committee on credentials was called for, but no one responded and the States were called for members of the committee on permanent organization and resolutions. The delegates sat in the sweltering heat while the announcements were being made. Almost everyone in the hall had supplied himself with a palm leaf fan, and the thousand or more fans waved convulsively in the pit like the wings of myriads of yellow butterflies hovering above a clover patch. After the announcement of the committee on permanent organization the members retired. While other announcements were made a "middle of the road" man attempted a demonstration. It was dramatically arranged, but it only served to demonstrate the hopeless minority of the straightouts. A squad of "middle of the roaders" headed by Delegate Branch, of Georgia, suddenly plunged into the hall through the main entrance and came whooping down the center aisle. Mr. Branch bore aloft a white banner, with the inscription "Middle of the road, a straight ticket." At the sight of it the Texas, Georgia, Maine, Missouri and Mississippi delegations mounted their chairs and yelled at

form. The band then occupied the time while the delegates fanned and sought the water barrels. At 12:45 another motion to take a recess until 3 o'clock was made and it was carried. The delegates were promptly on hand for the afternoon session. Just before the hour of 3 o'clock a delegate climbed laboriously up the steps of the platform. He was plainly very weary from the efforts of several days of hard campaigning. He strengthened himself up with some difficulty and brought his umbrella handle down with a crash on the chairman's table. "If this is a Populist convention?" he shouted in a husky, unsteady voice, "for God's sake don't get into the Democratic band wagon." The crowd laughed and the "middle of the roader" let himself carefully down the steps and disappeared in the direction of the Texas delegation. At exactly 3:30 Temporary Chairman

minutes. John W. Hayes, of New Jersey, was selected for secretary and the other temporary officers were made permanent. The minority report naming James E. Campion, of Maine, for permanent chairman, set the "middle of the road" on fire. The Texas and Georgia delegates climbed on to their chairs and yelled like Indians. Several large "middle of the road" banners were paraded through the aisles. The Western delegates as a rule took no part in the demonstration. One of the Georgia delegates pulled up his State standard and followed the "middle of the road," which was held aloft by two members of the delegation, one white and one colored. The standards of Texas, Arkansas, Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri and several other States joined the procession. In a scuffle for the possession of the Alabama guidon, the staff was broken and a free fight was almost precipitated. Bedlam reigned for ten minutes. When order was at last restored the names of the signers of the minority report were read. When the name of the Illinois member of the committee was read that delegate jumped up and announced that his signature was forged. His name was withdrawn. Delegate Blaser, of Texas, then moved that Campion's name be substituted for that of Allen for permanent chairman. E. Gerry Brown, of Massachusetts, moved to lay both the majority and minority reports on the table, pending the report of the committee on rules. He said he had made this motion in the interest of a compromise candidate. But there were cries of "No, no," from all parts of the hall. It was evident that the temper of the convention was for action. Mr. Pence, a Bryan man, moved the previous question. It was ordered amid much confusion and the roll call of States was called on the question of adopting the majority or minority report. Meantime night was falling, but the electric lights were not turned on to dispel the gloom and there was some apprehension of a repetition of the experience of last night when the convention sat for an hour in total darkness. Several candles were brought in and placed on the press tables. The excitement on the floor was intense. There was a realization on both sides that the actual test had come. In the gathering gloom there were loud cries of "Turn on



THOMAS E. WATSON.
A Delegate from Georgia.

Butler rapped the convention to order and announced that the committee on credentials would submit a report. His announcement was taken up and repeated by sub-chairmen stationed in various parts of the hall, delegates in remote portions of the Auditorium having complained that they could not hear what was going on. Delegate Wardwell, of California, chairman of the credentials committee, read the portion relative to the delegation where there were no contests was agreed to and then the trouble began. The Colorado contest was then taken up and a motion to adopt the report of the committee, recommending the seating of what is known as the Patterson delegation. Mr. Patterson said that he was unwilling to have a vote upon the question until the minority could present a report. He offered a motion that the Colorado contest be postponed one hour. This was carried. "This," said a Texas man, "is magnanimous, but Tom Patterson can't catch us with any such stuff. He is not in the 'middle of the road.'" The Illinois case was taken up then. The majority reported that the two delegations from Cook county be seated and the vote divided. There was much confusion while the States were being polled. The vote was taken on the proposition to give the seats to the Taylor delegates. It was not a test vote in any respect. The result was announced: 665 for the majority report and 649 for the minority. The anti-Bryan delegates hailed the announcement as a victory for the "middle

of the lights." Some one answered from the platform that the electric lamp had not been "trimmed." "That won't do," cried the irate delegates and serious trouble was imminent when suddenly the electric lamps sizzled and the hall was flooded with a blaze of light. The constant gain made the Bryan men enthusiastic and they cheered lustily at every announcement. The "middle of the road" men got a good chance to cheer, however, when North Carolina, which divided 75 to 20 to the first vote, divided her vote equally between Allen and Campion. While the clerks were figuring up the tallies, it became noised about that the result showed an overwhelming majority for the Bryan forces and the "middle of the roaders" were very much downcast. One of the Texas delegates shouted: "Perhaps we misunderstood the question." "No you did not," shouted Jerry Simpson across the hall. "We knew where we were at all the time." The Bryan people laughed with glee at this rejoinder. A moment later the chairman announced the result as 758 for Allen and 564 for Campion. The Bryan men screamed with joy. They got on their chairs and cheered. They whirled their coats, umbrellas, hats and everything movable aloft. They uprooted their State guidons and paraded them about the aisles. Another row occurred over the possession of the Alabama standard, but the Bryan men at last carried it off. Only the Texas and other "middle of the road" Southern delegates sat silently in their seats during the wild demonstration. The guidons of the Bryan States danced for five minutes about Nebraska. The band played but it could just be heard. Four colored men with banjos got near the stage and sang a Bryan song. The scene, with the exception of the fact that the galleries did not participate in the demonstration, very much resembled that at the Coliseum in Chicago when Bryan was nominated. It lasted about eighteen minutes. After order was restored Delegate Williams, of California, climbed onto the stage. "We have made a square fight," he shouted, "we have been fairly beaten and in the interest of peace and harmony, I move that the selection of William B. Allen as permanent chairman be made unanimous." His motion was carried with a hurrah, but there were loud cries of dissenting in the direction of the Lone Star delegation. On Mr. Pence's motion a committee



JERRY SIMPSON.
"The Sockless Statesman."

of the road" element and they were very jubilant. A Kansas delegate challenged the correctness of the count. There was a good deal of excitement. Delegates crowded up to the front of the platform and the assistant sergeant-at-arms could, with difficulty, prevent them from climbing up to the secretary's desk. The greatest confusion prevailed. Lafe Pence, the former Congressman from Colorado, who was at the head of the New York delegation, called for the report on permanent organization and made some rather sharp comments about the time frittered away. Several delegates attempted to move an adjournment until 8 o'clock, but Mr. Pence refused to yield the floor for such a motion. But when E. A. Cooke, of Virginia, chairman of the committee on permanent organization, came forward to make his report, a dozen delegates jumped to their feet and protested that a report from another committee was not in order until the report of the committee on credentials as a whole had been agreed to. Mr. Washburne, of Massachusetts, who was temporarily in the chair, ruled the points not well taken. He also declined to entertain an appeal. A report of the committee on permanent organization was then read. The announcement of the selection of Senator Allen, of Nebraska, for permanent chairman was the signal for a wild Bryan demonstration which lasted several

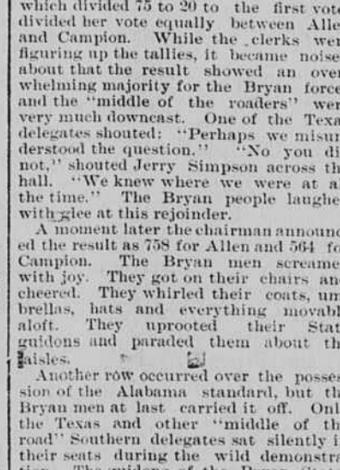
consisting of himself, "Cycone" Davis and Ignatius Donnelly were appointed to escort Senator Allen to the platform, who spoke at length upon the issues of the day. When Allen made a favorable reference to Bryan there was a demonstration and much disorder. He asked: "Do you want to elect McKinley?" "No," came the answer. "Nor Bryan either?" said a voice. It was 9:30 when Senator Allen concluded. Several attempts to secure an adjournment were made, but Senator Butler, acting as a delegate, moved the appointment of a committee to confer with the committee of the silver convention. There many and loud cries of "No" but Senator Butler's motion was carried with a loud chorus of ayes and great cheering. The Bryan men were apparently in full control of the convention. The committee on rules then made its report. Little interest was manifested in it and before the convention had acted upon it, Lafe Pence moved an adjournment until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning and then at 10:00, the convention adjourned. In a few minutes the hall was deserted. A VIRGINIAN ON IT. The Populist committee on platform includes General Coxe, of Ohio; Carl Brown, Washington, D. C.; General Weaver, of Iowa; James O. Field, Virginia; J. D. Mutehead, Alabama; J. K. Hines, Georgia, and W. R. Henrick, North Carolina. South Carolina and Florida not represented.

ARE VERY CONFIDENT.
St. Louis, Mo., July 23.—The Bryan people are becoming more and more confident of the endorsement of Bryan by the Populist convention. They are now claiming that he will be named on the first ballot. Most of them concede, however, that it will be very difficult to secure similar action on Sewall's behalf. They have not abandoned their efforts in this direction. **PRETTY STRONG LANGUAGE.**
St. Louis, Mo., July 23.—The Post-Dispatch to-day publishes the following: "Any man who says that I have agreed with the Populists, or any other party, for a compromise on the Presidential candidates is a liar and the truth is not in him." J. K. Jones.

THE SILVER CONVENTION.
The Session Yesterday Was Largely Devoted to Speeches.

St. Louis, July 23.—When Chairman St. John called the convention to order at 10 o'clock he said he was sorry to be compelled to announce that the Rev. Dr. Nicols, who was to open the convention

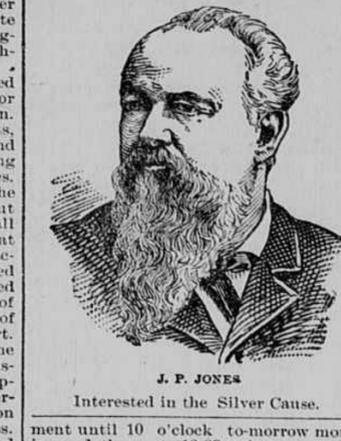
with prayer, had been called from the city. Congressman Newlands moved that a committee on ways and means be appointed to raise funds with which to defray the expenses of the convention. Charles A. Towne, vice-chairman, was then introduced. He said that the press of the country had apparently forgotten the sacred duty and had become the plaintiff of monopoly. Money was the god it worshipped. But the day of regeneration was at hand. History was being made to-day. The people had been lax, but had determined to manage their own affairs. They had suffered grievously at the hands of monopolies and trusts, but hereafter they would look after their own affairs. He denounced the perniciousness of the present money system. The single gold standard would ruin the masses of the people. In November they would relegate the parties of the monopolies to oblivion and put in power men who had the interests of the people at heart. The speaker referred to the bolt of Senator Teller from the Republican convention and spoke of the "heroism and patriotism" of the Colorado Senator, to the delight of the delegates. Next he referred to the nomination of Mr. Bryan and eulogized the Democratic candidate in glowing terms. This evoked the biggest demonstration which has thus far characterized the convention. Ex-Governor John P. St. John was then called upon to speak. He was greeted with cheers. He said that a few



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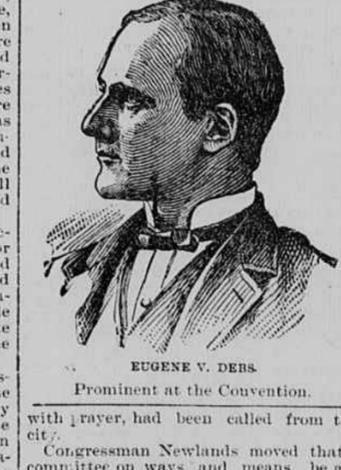
months ago nearly every one believed that nothing on earth could defeat McKinley for President, but the surrender of American interests to Great Britain at the Republican convention had fallen on McKinley like a bolt of lightning. It changed the sentiment of the whole country. Free silver at 16 to 1 would sweep the nation. The people had arisen and would defeat "the corrupt gold power." But to do this, a vast deal of missionary work must be done. There were thousands and thousands of voters who had been misled by the "goldbugs." Never in the history of America had it been so hard to keep gold here as under the present system. Under it \$262,000,000 worth of bonds had been issued and the working people plundered by the "Wall street syndicates and English sharps." When Mr. St. John ended his talk a big banner upon which was painted two human figures was displayed; one was marked "McKinley" and the other "Monopoly;" above was "Down these." The next one to address the convention was Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, of Indiana. She denounced the "gold bug monopolists" and "Wall street plutocracy" and "English bond sharks" and said the only salvation of the people from serfdom was to declare for the free coinage of silver. She denounced Mr. McKinley and the platform on which he stands. She denounced the Republican party, the liquor traffic and the rum power of the world. The saloon-keepers, the rum power and the anarchists, she said, were with McKinley. So were the thieves of Wall street. As Mrs. Gougar concluded she called upon the band to play "America" and the delegates to join in singing, which they did. At the request of the Connecticut delegation Judge Jos. Seldon, of that State, was given the stand. His remarks were a review of the foreign trade relations as affected by the silver issue. Delegate Hall, of Illinois, moved that a poll of the delegations as to their former party affiliations be taken for publication. The motion was carried and the poll was ordered to be taken at the next session. R. A. Cole, of Milwaukee, said "that while he had the greatest respect for Mrs. Gougar, he did not think it wise to take up the cry of prohibition. To denounce the brewing interests would be to lose strength among the Germans. A vigorous effort was made to stop Mr. Cole, but he held his ground; de-



J. P. JONES.
Interested in the Silver Cause.

spite the cries of "Sit down," he continued to talk. The free silver question was one that interested the masses and should not be weighted down by prohibition. When he had finished the convention took a recess till 2:30 p. m. At the afternoon session the question arose as to proceeding with the platform and nominations without waiting to hear from the silver convention. W. P. St. John insisted that it would be an insult to the People's party to adopt the platform before the meeting of the conference committees of the two conventions. Such action would be an attempt to jam a ticket down the throat of the People's party. A half dozen more speeches were made and twice that number of men shouted for recognition. In the midst of the furor, the previous question was ordered. The vote was on the amendment to St. John's motion that when the convention adjourned, it adjourn until 10 a. m. to-morrow. The amendment was to change the time to 8 p. m. to-night. The amendment was lost by a vote of 146 votes to 151 by a rising vote. The original motion was adopted. A good deal of confusion followed and some of the delegates went to their hotels. A general wrangle followed over the demand made by some of the delegates that a poll of the convention be made to

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